

Report to the Kentucky Library Association Board  
Library Support Staff Round Table  
Louisville, Kentucky  
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Final results of the short survey of library support staff sent out last fall (these changed very little from the initial results):

- Only 23 responses received, with only 11 respondents from members of LSSRT (about a 12% response rate)
- Respondents were mostly academic and public library staff (12 academic and 10 public and 1 school media)
- almost 80% KLA members (18 of 23)
- about 60% of the KLA members (11 of 18) were members of the LSSRT.
- Seventeen respondents ranked the most important objectives of round table
  - 15 of the 17 felt that “promoting the importance of library support staff as valued library professionals” was the most important (10) or second most important (5) objective
  - 11 of the 17 respondents felt “to encourage growth among members through opportunities for continuing education and participation in professional activities” was the most important (4) or second (5) most important objective
  - Only 1 of 17 ranked the objective of working with other groups to promote library services as one of the top two goals.
- Eleven of 17 respondents expressed interest in certification for library support staff.
- Respondents who were not interested in certification expressed “not required for job” and “would not affect pay” as the primary reasons they weren’t interested.
- The most frequent methods of communication in which interest was expressed were a listserv for the round table (11 of 17), a blog with comments enabled (8), and face to face meetings (8).

In order to rebuild support for the LSSRT from within I would like to work during the next quarter to setup and maintain a Facebook page for the LSSRT (to serve as a ‘blog’ with comments enabled), and setup a listserv for the LSSRT. Additional direction from the members of LSSRT via these two media will determine the direction we take from here.

Respectfully Submitted,

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